

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and

WHEREAS, Jews were the primary victims—six million were murdered; Gypsies, the handicapped, and peoples of Slavic descent were also targeted for destruction for racial and ethnic reasons; and

WHEREAS, millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, also suffered oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the United States and North Carolina became the homeland to Holocaust survivors who, having deep appreciation for the freedom and opportunities afforded by this Nation and State, greatly contributed to the culture and strength of their adopted homeland; and

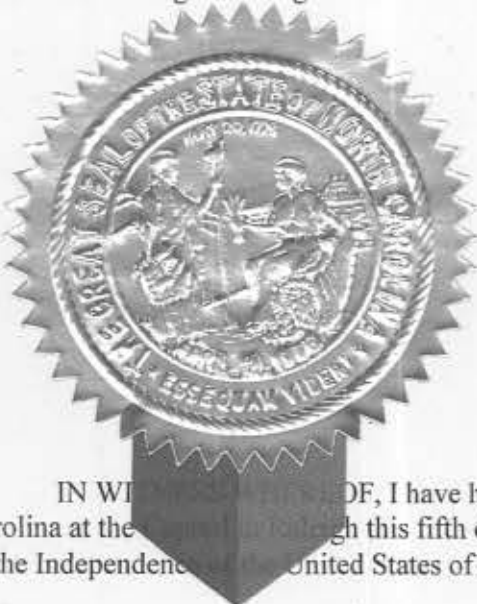
WHEREAS, we the people of North Carolina should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and should remain vigilant against bigotry and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, we the people of North Carolina should continually rededicate ourselves to the principles of equality and justice; and

WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the citizens of North Carolina to remember the inhumanity of those who perpetrated the Holocaust, as well as to reflect upon the need for respect of all people; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980), the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the *Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust* to be Sunday, May 4, through Sunday, May 11, 2008, including the International Day of Remembrance known as *Yom HaShoah*, on Sunday, May 7, 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, hereby proclaim May 7, 2008, as "**THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST**" in North Carolina, in memory of the victims, the survivors, and their liberators, and further proclaim that we as citizens of the State of North Carolina should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Raleigh, North Carolina, on this fifth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.